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REMARKS

Claims 3-9, 11-17, 53, 56 and 56-65, as amended, remain herein.

Applicants appreciate the statements in the Office Action that claims 8, 9, 24, 25, 39, 40 and 47-51 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the independent claim(s) and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 2, 10, 18-52, 54, 55, 57 and 58 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Allowable claim 8 has been rewritten into independent form by reciting all of the limitations of former claims 1 and 9.

Allowable claim 9 has been rewritten into independent form by reciting all of the limitations of former claims 1 and 2.

Claims 3-7, 11 and 16, are also now allowable because they have been amended to depend from allowable claim 9. Claims 12-15, are also now allowable because they now depend from allowable claim 11.

Claim 17 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 9, thereby making claim 17 allowable.

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Claim 53 has been rewritten into independent form by reciting all of the limitations of claims 1 and 2 and allowable claim 9, thereby making claim 53 allowable.

Claim 56 depends from allowable claim 53, and also is allowable.

New claim 59 recites the limitations of claim 6 and depends from allowable claim 17; new claim 60 recites the limitations of claim 11 and depends from allowable claim 17; new claim 61 recites the limitations of claim 12 and depends from allowable claim 17; new claim 62 recites the limitations of claim 13 and depends from allowable claim 17; new claim 63 recites the limitations of claim 14 and depends from allowable claim 17; new claim 64 recites the limitations of claim 15 and depends from allowable claim 17; new claim 65 recites the limitations of claim 16 and depends from allowable claim 17; thereby making all new claims 59-65 allowable.

1. Objections were stated to claims 30 and 46. Claims 30 and 46 have been cancelled, thereby mooting those objections.

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2. Claims 53-58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 53 and 56 have been amended to moot the rejection, claim 53 reciting "[t]he cathode ray tube according to claim 9 in combination with an image display apparatus, comprising...." Claims 54, 55, 57 and 58 have been cancelled. Antecedent bases in claims 53 and 56 are now clear. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

3. Claims 1-7, 10-23, 26-38, 41-46 and 52-58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Suzuki et al. U.S. Patent 6,469,431 and Inoue et al. U.S. Patent 5,663,610. Claims 1, 2, 10, 18-23, 26-38, 41-46, 52, 54, 55, 57 and 58 have been cancelled, and claims 3-7, 11-17, 53 and 56 are allowable for the reasons stated herein, thereby mooting the rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

All claims 3-9, 11-17, 53, 56 and 56-65 are now proper in form and patentably distinguished over all grounds of rejection

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cited in the Office Action. Accordingly, allowance of all claims 3-9, 11-17, 53, 56 and 56-65 is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the applicants would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' undersigned representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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